Pension to freedom fighters

2801. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to officially inform all those freedom fighters who had not applied for freedom fighters' pensions and whose names were announced by the Central Government in Parliament;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the date from which they will become entitled to receive freedom fighters' pension?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The official intimation of the Government's decision in this regard was sent to the freedom fighters in question either directly or through the respective State Governments. In addition, Minister of State (States) in the Ministry of Home Affairs has also written individually to all these prominent freedom fighters conveying the decision of the Government. As announced in the Parliament, the pension takes effect from Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October, 1987.

Per hectare yield of tea in Tripura

2802. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average per hectare yield of tea in the country; and

(b) what is the average per hectare yield of tea in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The average per hectare yield of tea in the country and the average yield in Tripura during the past three years, for which figures are available, are as follows:

(Figures in Kgs.)
(Yield/Hect.)

Year	Country as a whole	Tripura
1983 . . .	1468	586
1984 . . .	1606	525
1985 . . .	1641	513

Increase in administered prices

2803. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the increase in the administered prices made by the Central Government since the Winter Session of Parliament has helped to worsen the price situation; and

(b) what are the reasons for the increase in administered prices in relation to each item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The impact of increase in administered prices made by the Central Government since Winter Session of Parliament on the Wholesale Price Index (1970-71=100) is less than 1 per cent. Its impact on Consumer Price Index (1960=100) will be negligible as intermediary items like coal, iron and steel are not covered in this index.

(b) The administered prices are revised from time to time largely to compensate the public sector units for increases in input costs.